Welfare Fund for Agricultural Labourers

2675. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to create a Rs.150 crores Welfare Fund for agricultural labourers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojna

2676. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a social security scheme for agricultural workers, named ""Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojna - 2001" has been launched on 1st July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme was announced in an unprecedented haste as even the basic ground work for its take off, like identification of beneficiaries, mode of implementation etc., has not yet been done; and

(d) the detailed reasons for the haste in announcing an incomplete scheme which only raises hopes and expectations of the likely beneficiaries and what are the specific purposes sought to be achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government has launched "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001," a Social Security Scheme for agricultural workers. The scheme will be implemented by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in a phased manner and will cover the following social security needs of the agricultural workers;

(a) Life-cum-accident insurance
(b) Money back
(c) Superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 years to 50 years are eligible under the Scheme. The workers will contribute Re.1/- per day and the Government of India will pay Rs.2/- per day per beneficiary under the scheme. The Scheme has been launched after detailed discussions with concerned Departments/LIC.

ESI Super Speciality Hospitals in Kerala

2677. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of ESI super speciality hospitals in Asrawam, Kollam and Calicut in Kerala foundation stone of which were laid by the then Labour Minister in 1997;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in commencing construction work of the said hospitals;

(c) whether any request from the Kerala Government has been received to expedite the matter; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what action Government have taken?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) ESIC has decided to have a Cardiology (non- invasive) (Super Speciality Wing) at Kollam. The construction of a hospital at Calicut is to be reviewed by the ESI Corporation on receipt of all relevant information.

Social Security Cover for Workers in Unorganised Sector

2678. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed social security cover for workers in the unorganised sector;

(b) the amount to be charged from the workers and the grants to be given by Government; and

(c) how the scheme would be made operational especially in rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Government has launched on 1st July, 2001 "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001" for agricultural workers, the larges segment in the unorganised sector. The main provisions of social security under the Scheme are Life- cum-accident insurance, Money back, Pension and superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 to 50 years are eligible under the scheme. The insured worker will contribute Re.1/- per day, or Rs.365/- per year, and the Government of India will contribute Rs.2/- per day, or Rs.730/- per year from the Social Security Fund.

The Scheme will be implemented in 50 districts during the first phase giving representation to all the States.